

NUMBER 22.

PRE-EMPTION.

MEMORIAL respecting pre-emption laws.

To the Congress of the United States :

Your memorialists, the General Assembly of the State of Preamble.
Iowa, respectfully represent that a large proportion of the actual settlers upon the public lands of the United States are poor men; that it is difficult for these settlers, of limited means, to support their families, improve their claims, and pay for their land within one year of location; that the present system of pre-emption, places these settlers at the mercy of money lenders, resulting in great hardship, and often depriving the pioneer of his home and the fruit of years of toil,

Therefore, your memorialists respectfully ask your hon- Extension of
orable body to amend the laws regulating pre-emption upon time.
public lands, so as to give actual settlers upon said lands, three years in which to pay for their claims.

Approved January 28, 1857.

NUMBER 23.

UNIVERSITY LANDS.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to University lands.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, Sale to trust-
That all pretended sales, or contracts for sale of any Uni- tees.
versity lands of the State to the trustees of the University of said State, or to any trustee thereof, be, and the same are hereby declared to be *utterly null and void.*

Resolved, That the executive officers of the State be, and they are hereby directed and enjoined to disregard all such pretended sales or contract for sales, the same having been obtained by such trustee or trustees in violation of a trust Officers to dis-
regard sales.
reposed in such trustees by the authority of the State, and